

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended). An optical apparatus comprising:  
a focus detection unit detecting a focus state of an image-taking optical system with respect to an object included in a focus detection area;  
a first operating member which is operated for changing at least one of a size and a position of the focus detection area;  
a memory ~~for storing a plurality of focus detection areas which differ from each other in~~ at least one of size and position of the focus detection area; and  
a second operating member which is operated for setting the focus detection area used for detecting the focus state of the image-taking optical system; and  
a controller performing a storage process of storing at least one of size and position of the focus detection area determined through the first operating member into the memory in association with the second operating member. ~~the plurality of focus detection areas into the memory and a setting process of setting, from the stored plurality of focus detection areas, a focus detection area used for detection of the focus state.~~
2. (Original) The optical apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:  
an image-pickup element, which photoelectrically converts an object image formed by the image-taking optical system;

wherein the focus detection unit generates a focus evaluation signal representing a contrast state of a signal component of a video signal obtained using the image-pickup element, the signal component corresponding to the focus detection area; and

wherein the controller performs such a focus control of the image-taking optical system that the focus evaluation signal takes on a predetermined level or more.

3-9. (Canceled).

10. (New). The optical apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a third operating member which is operated for storing at least one of size and position of the focus detection area into the memory;

wherein the optical apparatus has a plurality of second operating members, and

wherein, when the third operating member and one of the second operating members are turned on, the controller performs the storage process while assigning at least one of size and position of the focus detection area determined through the first operating member to the second operating member turned on.